

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This is a continuation ~~[[in-part]]~~ application based upon copending application Serial No. 10/044,621, filed and entitled PLASTIC WHEEL ASSEMBLY AND MOUNTING SLEEVE WITH STABILIZING RECESS, which was a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/687,669, filed October 12, 2000 and entitled PLASTIC WHEEL ASSEMBLY AND IMPROVED MOUNTING SLEEVE THEREFOR, which was a continuation-in-part application based upon application Serial No. 09/507,595, filed February 18, 2000, and entitled PLASTIC WHEEL ASSEMBLY AND MOUNTING SLEEVE THEREFOR.--